GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Department of Tribal Welfare – Appeal Petition filed by Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas, Government Employee, R/o Narapally, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad, under Section 7(2) of the Act 16 of 1993, against the proceedings RC.No.4/241739/2021,Dated:17-03-2021 of the District Collector, erstwhile Prakasam District in cancellation of his ST-Yanadi Caste Certificate – Appeal Petition dismissed - Orders - Issued.

DEPARTMENT OF TRIBAL WELFARE (CV)

G.O.Ms.No.16 Dated:23.07.2025

Read the following:-

1. Proceedings of the District Collector, Prakasam, RC.No.4/241739/2021 Dated: 17- 03-2021.
2. Appeal Petition filed by Sri E.Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas, R/o 4-14/A, Ganesh Nagar, Narapally, Ghatkesar (M) Hyderabad.
3. Govt. Memo No.1390504/CV.2/2021, Dated:12.04.2021
4. From the Collector & Dist. Magistrate, Prakasam, RC.No.C4/C- 241739/2022, dt.19.02.2022.
5. Govt. Memo No.1390504/CV.2/2021, Dated: 26.06.2023, 01.08.2023,05.10.2023, 05.12.2023, 26.09.2024, 29.01.2025 & 11.03.2025.

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ORDER:

In the proceedings 1st read above, the Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam District had issued orders cancelling the ST-Yanadi Caste Certificate of Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas, Government Employee, R/o Narapally, Ghatkesar, Hyderabad.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas has filed Appeal Petition before the Government against the proceedings of the Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam District. After examining the said Appeal Petition, Government while admitting the said appeal has granted stay as prayed for by the appellant and para-wise remarks on the grounds filed by the Appellant along with connected records were called for from the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam vide Govt. Memo 3rd read above.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam District has furnished the para-wise remarks on the Appeal Petition filed by Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas.

4. The said Appeal Petition has been posted for hearing before the Hon'ble Appellate Authority on several dates and finally hearing was held on 22.03.2025 duly informing the hearing communication to the Appellant and the Counsel for the Appellant vide reference 5th read above. During the course of the hearing, the Appellate Authority verified the records/ the copies of evidences/ academic record/ grounds filed by the Appellant/ written arguments submitted by both parities/ para-wise remarks submitted by the Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam District and proceedings of the District Collector, erstwhile Prakasam District dated:17.03.2021, the Appellate authority has observed that;

i. The appeal petition filed Under Section 7(2) of Act 16 of 1993 by Sri Melika @ Elika Ravi S/o Rupas, Ganesh Nagar, Narapally, Ghatkesar(M) Hyderabad against the proceedings No.Rc.No.4/241739/2021, dated.17.03.2021 of District Collector, Prakasam District, present Bapatla District in cancelling the ST-Yanadi Caste Certificate of the Appellant.

ii. The appellant Sri Melika @ Elika Ravi has filed this appeal petition before Government against cancellation of his ST 'Yanadi' Caste Certificate by the District Collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District and after thoroughly observing the material available placed by the Applicant and all the material placed by the District Collector, Prakasam /Bapatla District and upon the following the rules and regulations, passed the following Orders on the Appeal Petition filed by the Appellant as hereunder.

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iii. The order of the Collector and District Magistrate, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District in proceedings Rc.4/241739/2021, dated.17.03.2021 are not contrary to the facts of the case and after perusing the material on record of the case, the Order passed by the District Collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District are not liable to be set aside. The District Collector placed all the material on record and passed an order of cancelling the caste certificate of the appellant on proper enquiry. On verification, the District Collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District has submitted a report after detailed enquiry and found that the Appellant obtained Job in ST quota by producing bogus caste certificate. The Appellant E.Ravi has not filed any documentary evidence in support of his claim. He stated that his father Rupas belongs to ST Yanadi Caste and his mother Paramageetham belong to ST Lambadi Caste. His father was studied upto 5th Class at Ujilipeta, Chirala Mandal and the case of his father was recorded in the record sheet as ST-Yanadi. The Secretary, Telangana State Commission for SCs & STs, Hyderabad lodged a complaint alleged that the appellant obtained Job in ST quota by producing bogus caste certificate. It is elicited that the Appellant belongs to Yadava (BC-D) caste but fraudulently obtained ST Caste Certificate. The District Collector Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District conducted enquiry about the Caste of the Appellant and referred the same to the District Level Scrutiny Committee. The RDO, Ongole, and the District Tribal Welfare Officer (DTWO), Ongole, District BCWO, DD(SW), Ongole have enquired into the caste status of the Appellant. The Tahsildar, Chirala also conducted enquiry with regard to the Caste Certificate of the Appellant. The RDO also submitted his detailed report. It is also observed that the Appellant filed a Suit as in O.S.No.35/2007 for change of his surname from Elika to Melika and the said suit was dismissed, thereupon he preferred an appeal before the Honourable Senior Civil Judge Court at Chirala as in A.S. 19/2011 and the said Appeal was also dismissed. Further, he preferred an appeal before the Honourable High Court vide SA No.1636/2018. But, he has not produced any proof for establishing his Caste, the District Collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District has opined that the Appellant does not belong to schedule Caste and the ST Status obtained is liable to be cancelled.

iv. The District Collector, Prakasam District, present Baptala District conducted detailed enquiry which clearly depicting the facts that the Appellant do not belong to ST Yanadi Caste. Further, the Tribal Communities or parts of or groups within tribes or tribal communities, specified in parts I to X 22 of the Schedule to the 1950 Order shall, in relation to the Stated to which those parts respectively relate, be deemed to be Scheduled Tribes so far as members thereof, resident in the localities specified in relation to them respectively, in those parts of the Schedule. As per those Orders, the Appellant Elika Ravi has not resided in the Scheduled Area. As per the Report of the Tahsildar, Chirala the village of Boyinavaripalem where the family of Appellant alleged to have been residing, no Yanadi Community families were found except one Yanadi family. The entire Village of Boyinavaripalem exists with the people belongs to Yadava Community. It is elicited that there is no people in the surname of Elika in ST-Yanadi Community. The brother of Appellant by name Elika Ramesh did not belong to ST-Yanadi, but belongs to Yadava (BC-D) caste. All the Certificates filed by the Appellant E.Ravi clearly goes to show that his surname as Elika. All the enquiries reveals that the people with surname “Elika” are belong to Yadava (BC-D) caste and the Appellant also belong to Yadava (BC-D) Caste. As per constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950, any person individual either himself or his family members have to reside in the Scheduled Area as on the date of Notification, Scheduled Area at the crucial time. It is noticed that Appellant Elika Ravi is a fraudulent and he misrepresented that he belongs to ST-Yanadi. The Principles laid down as per Law and notifications and after thorough enquiries and on complete exercise of merits on the material available on record, and genealogical chart admitted by Appellant Elika Ravi it is decided that the Appellant is not ST-Yanadi Caste. It is unexplained by the Appellant that as to how he characterized himself as ST-Yanadi Caste.

v. Further, he did not produce any records like Land Records, Ration Card or Election Vote Card and Voters List to prove that his parents belong to Boyinavaripalem Village. Thus, it is noticed that the Appellant Elika Ravi does not belong to scheduled Tribe Area and is not eligible for ST Status and his Caste Certificate is liable to be cancelled. The DLSC also determinates of community status and communicate the result of the caste of the Appellant in its meeting held on 12-11-2020, in the said meeting the DLSC unanimously opined that the Respondent do not belong to ST-Yanadi but belongs to Yadava (BC-D) caste.

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vi. The matter also placed before District Level Scrutiny Committee, and notices in Form No.V as contemplated in Act 16/93 was issued. Further, all notices were served upon the Appellant Elika Ravi through proper channel and the appellant also appeared before DLSC. There are so many enquiries conducted with regard to the Caste of Elika Ravi whether he belong to ST-Yanadi or not. It is noticed that all family members of belongs to Yadava caste. The RDO and Tahsildar have examined all the aspects i.e. with regard to customs and other ceremonies of the Appellant. They have examined all the records of the appellant and they deliberately concluded that the Caste certificate crystal clearly goes to show that is not Genuine.

vii. The District Collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District rightly passed Orders of cancelling the caste certificate of the appellant and the Scrutiny Committee also enquired into the matter about the genuineness of the caste certificate of the appellant and submitted the detailed report to cancel the Caste Certificate of the Appellant. It is an admitted fact that either the Appellant or his Parents are not the native of Boyinavaripalem. As per the statements of the persons examined on behalf of appellant even do not know the native place of the Appellant.

viii. The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District followed the procedure as per Rules of Andhra Pradesh (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act 1993, and cancelled the caste certificate of the appellant. The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District rightly enquired about the fact that the appellant got the employment basing on false caste certificate as such the appellant Elika Ravi is not entitled to seek employment as he do not belong to ST-Yanadi caste. The appellant do not belong to ST- Yanadi caste and there is no such proof that he belong to such Scheduled Tribe Caste. Thus, the Appellant who is aware of legal position adequately has nothing to secure in that direction in future, and this Order also concludes that his prayer at any point cannot be allowed of being ST-Yanadi in future. There is no scrap of paper to show that he has absolute evidence of claiming to be ST-Yanadi Schedule Tribe Certificate and the sole point is determined that he belongs to Yadava (BC-D) Caste which is considered as Backward Class Category.

ix. In view of the above and in exercise of the powers conferred U/s. 5(1) of A.P. (SC/ST/BC) Regulation of issue of community certificate (Act.16/1993) r/w sub-rule (7) of Rule 9 of A.P. (SC/ST/BC) for issuance of Community, Nativity and date of Birth Certificate Rules,1997 communicated vide G.O.Ms.No.58, Social Welfare (J) Department, dated:12.05.1997 the interpretation of being ST-Yanadi Certificate obtained by the Appellant Elika Ravi on misrepresentation of facts obtained caste and scheduled area certificates, by his well known facts of being Yadava BC-D Community. The Caste of Elika Ravi as ST-Yanadi was proved as bogus and is hereby declared that the delinquent does not belong to “ST-Yanadi”, which falls under ST Community. The Appellant belongs to Backward Class Category only, for which he is rightly eligible. In and as such the proceedings of District collector, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District are liable to be confirmed. The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District: Present Bapatla District correctly considering the material on record that as per the reports of Tahsildar & RDO and Scrutiny Committee and enquiry of DLSC and all the records established that the caste of the Appellant does not belong to Scheduled Tribe, Yanadi caste. All the records with regard to the caste of the Appellant clearly goes to show that the caste of the Appellant is not ST-Yanadi. The District Collector, Prakasam: now Bapatla District rightly came to the conclusion that the caste of the appellant as ST-Yanadi is contrary to law and fact and hence this appeal is liable to be dismissed.

x. In the Result, the Appeal Petition filed by the Appellant is dismissed.

5. Government, after careful examination of the appeal petition and the circumstances stated supra and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 7(2) of A.P. Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 (Act 16 of 1993), and rules made thereunder, decides that the appeal petition filed by Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas does not deserve any interference. Hence, the proceedings RC.No.4/241739/2021,Dated:17-03-2021 of the Collector & District Magistrate erstwhile Prakasam District now Bapatla District are hereby upheld and the appeal petition filed by Sri Elika Ravi, S/o Melika Rupas is hereby dismissed.

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6. The Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam now Bapatla District is directed to take necessary consequential action in the matter, as per the A.P. (Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes) Regulation of Issue of Community Certificates Act, 1993 (Act 16 of 1993), and the rules made thereunder.

7. The records (4/241739/2021,Dated:17-03-2021 containing pages (NF.1-70 pages and C.F-1-1090) received from the Collector & District Magistrate, erstwhile Prakasam now Bapatla District are returned herewith in original to the Collector & District Magistrate, Bapatla and he is requested to acknowledge the receipt of the same to Government immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

M. M. NAYAK
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FAC)

To
The Collector & District Magistrate, Bapatla District. **(BY RPAD)**

The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam at Ongole.

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